

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially it should be noted that Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent 7,045,581 so as to remove the obviousness type double-patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider his rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102. Initially it should be noted that the agitating shaft 2 referred to by the examiner is not located in the dryer. As clearly set forth on column 5 lines 22-33, the shaft 2 is located in the reactor 1.

Claim 22 sets forth the language "moved-bed". The term "moved-bed" is a defined term used in the instant specification. In this regard the examiner's attention is drawn to Page 12 lines 24-29 and Page 14, lines 2-6. The term "moved-bed" does not include a moving belt dryer of the type shown and disclosed in Landolt et al. Accordingly, Landolt et al. cannot anticipate independent 22 as amended. In addition, the Landolt reference does not include an agitating shaft as claimed in dependent claim 2. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended clearly define over the Landolt et al. reference and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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